

Children in the Church Community



Saturday 21st November, 2009

A CONFERENCE TO EXPLORE THE ROLE OF CHILDREN IN OUR CHURCHES

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- ♦ What's happening for children in our churches?
- ♦ How are children being encouraged to use their gifts?
- ♦ Do children feel part of the Christian community?

Explore these and other issues together on Saturday 21st Nov 2009

The Premier Inn
187 George St
Glasgow

10.00am 3.30pm

Cost £5

The day begins with Registration and Coffee at 10.00am for a 10.30 start

Lunch is provided

Come and share your ideas, bring your questions and join in the discussion...

Get feedback on the project so far.

Keynote speaker -
VICKI SHAVER

(Children's Ministry Specialist,
International Christian College)

"Hide & Seek! children encountering church"

Participate in a range of workshops.

Throughout the day interact with practitioners profiling:

Godly play

Using new media

Puppet ministry

Bible Live in schools

and more.

Conference workshops - you will be able to choose two from the list. On the booking form nominate your first three choices.

“Developing a Vision”

How can work with children be done most effectively in your community. The workshop aims both to clarify your vision and to provide some tools to help you achieve it.

Led by Lindsey Sanderson, Assistant General Secretary of ACTS

“Reaching Out into Schools and Communities”

We want to make an impact in our local community and in local schools in particular? Hear the story of one church's attempt to make an impact and begin to build ideas and confidence to reach out to your community.

Led by Martin Fair, Minister of St Andrews Church of Scotland, Arbroath

“Context and Curriculum”

What should we be teaching our children? Examine the context in which we are working (our church tradition, the background and stage of the children etc) and its implications for how we engage children with the Christian faith

Led by Lorraine Darlow, Children's Pastor, St. Silas Episcopal Church, Glasgow

“Messy Church”

Come and find out about 'Messy Church' - a national phenomenon that has grown from one church's attempt to be church for families who want to meet Jesus, belong to a local church and nurture their children as Christians - but its not your traditional Sunday morning church service. It's a time of creativity, worship and eating together, and its inter-generational .

Led by Stewart Cutler, Children & Youth Officer, United Reformed Church

“Engaging Children in Worship”

How can we help children to engage in worship? What are the benefits engaging children in worship can bring? Come and hear why we should be involving children and how this can happen.

Led By Lynn Alexander, Children and Families worker at Morningside Baptist Church, Edinburgh

“Working with Children with Additional Learning Needs”

Come and discuss a range of approaches which we can employ when working with children who have additional learning needs.

Led by Shirley Billes, Convenor of Church of Scotland working group for people with learning disabilities.

The conference comes on the back of a questionnaire (sent to over 3000 churches in more than twelve denominations) and then a series of regional consultations which explored the questionnaire results. Even if you have not participated in the conversation so far you are very welcome to join now!

For additional information please contact Tom Moyes on tommoyes@acts-scotland.org

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Booking :To book your place please complete this form, including your seminar choices overleaf and return to *Tom Moyes, Network Officer, ACTS, 7 Forrester Lodge, Inglewood, ALLOA, FK10 2HU* by *October 31st, 09*



Name	
Address	
Post Code	Tel. Number
Email	
Denomination & Congregation	

Workshop Choices

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

We hope to be able to allocate you to your first two choices of workshop but, in case this proves to be impossible, please help us by indicating your third choice.

- Special Needs Dietary/Other) _____
- I enclose the Conference Fee of £5. (Please tick) Cheques should be made payable to ACTS
- I give permission for my contact details to be held on a database which may be used to send me information about future events(This information will not be shared with any third party.)
- I give permission for my name and church to be shown on the Conference participants' list which will be included in the welcome pack.

Signature

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